support operations for oilseeds, namely Groundnut, Soyabean and Sunflower seed for a period of 5 years with effect from 1985-86 Kharif season. NAFED has finalised the arrangement with the State Cooperative Marketing Federation and the Oilseeds Growers Federations. These organisations would act as agents of NAFED and operate through local farmers' cooperatives. To. facilitate the operations, purchase centres have been identified, storage arrangements made and working capital assured. The cooperatives would make purchases at 560 centres in Madhya Pradesh, 150 centres in Uttar Pradesh, 40 centres in Rajasthan and 20 centres each in Gujarat and Maharashtra. Under the Scheme, during the current Kharif season, a total quantity of 81,000 Mts of Soyabean has been purchased from Madhya Pradesh, Uttar Pradesh and Rajasthan upto 10-12-1985.

(d) Yes, Sir. The purchases made by NAFED during the period, year-wise are as under:—

Year	Quantity Purchased (in MTs)
1977-78	2,054
1978-79	65,917
1979-80	18,291
1980-81	10

(e) The production of Soyabean in the country increased from 1.83 lakh tonnes in 1977-78 to 9.34 lakh tonnes in 1984-85. The estimates of production for 1985-86 have not yet been firmed up. A variety of factors contribute to increasing production. Price support scheme is a motivating measure in this regard,

Agricultural development in backward areas

2579. SHRI SURESH PACHOURI: Will the Minister of AGRICULTURE be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government have urged the industrial sector to help accelerate agricultural development especially in remote and backward regions;

(b) whether it is also a fact that the growth rate in farm production estimated at 6.2 per cent during the Sixth Plan outpaced the growth in industrial output which was only about 5.5 per cent;

(c) whether there are any proposals under Government's consideration for improving the export of agricultural commodities during 1985-86; and

(d) if so, what are the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF STATE IN THE DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND CO-OPERATION (SHRI YOGENDRA MAKWANA): (a) Yes, Sir.

(b) The foodgrains production increased from 109.70 million tonnes in 1979-80 to 146.22 million tonnes in 1984-85, recording a growth of 5.92 per cent per annum during the Sixth Plan period. It may, however, be mentioned that as against the actual figures of 109.70 million tonnes in 1979-80, if the assumed figures of 127.86 million tonnes are taken as the base, the growth rate works out to 2.72 per cent. During the same period Index Numbers of Agricultural Production for All Commodities increased from 117.0 in 1979-80 to 153.6 (provisional index) in 1984-85, depicting a growth rate of 5.59 per cent per annum.

In the case of industrial production, the General Index increased from 148.1 in 1979-80 to 195.1 (provisional index) in 1984-85, showing a growth rate of 5.69 per cent annum during the Sixth Plan period.

(c) Yes, Sir.

(d) Several steps have taken to augment exports of agricultural commodities. These include grant of C.C.S. (Cash Compensatory Scheme) and identification and development of new markets. A statutory Authority to promote export of agricultural commodities is being set up by the Ministry of Commerce.

Amendment to the Emblems and Names Act

2580. SHRI M. BASAVARAJU: Will the Minister of FOOD AND CIVIL SUPPLIES be pleased to state:

(a) whether Government are considering amendments in the Emblems and Names (Prevention of Improper Use) Act, 1950 prohibiting the use of names of certain national leaders for certain purposes; and

(b) if so, by when the amendments are likely to be made?